

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I should not be required to have a medical or hearing test before purchasing a hearing.. If I am forced to have such examination or test all expenses should be covered by those forcing these unnecessary requirements.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I am not handicapped.. but with the traffic problem in all places, it is dangerous driving where medical help is available, usually in congested areas.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO.. we already have too much interference in our Constitutional Right..This would be another interference.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

YES.. I have ~~had~~ experienced paying almost twice as much for my hearing aids , when purchased for an Audiologist

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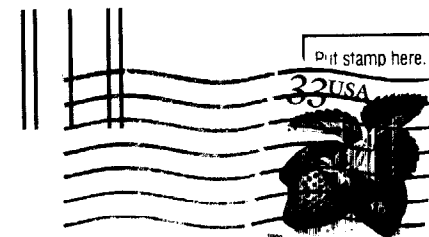
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